IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: Chapin et al. : Date: November 21, 2001 Serial Number: Concurrent : Group Art Unit: : Examiner: Filed: Concurrent Title: Orienting and Stacking Parts : IBM CORPORATION Intellectual Property Law : IP Law N50/040-4 1701 North Street : Endicott, NY 13760 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 **Commissioner For Patents** Washington, D. C. 20231 Dear Sir: The attached Form PTO-1449, and any attached foreign patent office search report, provides a listing of information which may be relevant to the subject application. This IDS is not intended as a representation that better art is not available, nor that the information provided is prior art. This IDS is submitted under: X 37 CFR 1.97(b) - No Fee. 37 CFR 1.97(c) - No Fee. Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. This communication is dated ______, which is not more than 3 months prior to the mailing of this statement. 37 CFR 1.97(c) - Fee. 37 CFR 1.97(d) - Fee, Certification & Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payments of any associated fees required under 37 CFR 1.17(p) and (i) (1) to Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

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